

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the previously amended paragraph beginning on page 15, line 20 and substitute therefor the following paragraph, which contains markings to show all of the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph:

Between the electrode arrangement 30 and its surroundings, kept at ground potential, not only does an electric field build up but discharges occur between the needle points or needle electrodes 32 and the surroundings, which are indicated in fig. 1 by the dashed lines E. Because of these discharges E, the application medium 16 of the curtain 18 is charged up electrically, so that, in the electric field between the electrode arrangement 30 and the supporting roll 22, it is accelerated toward the supporting roll 22, which assists the pre-stretching. ~~Alternatively, a A~~ magnetic field device 60 is positioned ~~may work with electrode arrangement 30 or as a stand alone device~~ to impart a magnetic field to the application medium to thereby influence the movement of the application medium ~~in curtain 18 as it travels toward substrate U.~~